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S&WE Products Manager Hanlon:

I recall years ago commenting on the Clinch River Breeder Reactor and the extraordinarily poor quality of DoE's responses to those and other comments. It seems clear all DoE was doing was assigning somebody to make up "responses" as hackwork, and it showed.

The Yucca Mountain Project is a much larger danger, and the flawed process railroading it toward approval is, if anything, considerably worse than what DoE did for CRBR, which was cancelled for other reasons. How can the Secretary of Energy be preparing to recommend Yucca Mountain for a high-level nuclear waste dump when thousands of public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement still have not been addressed? Without a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a detailed transportation scenario, finalized Siting Guidelines, or a licensing rule, the Department of Energy lacks the basis for consideration of site suitability. The public cannot have confidence in any recommendation that arises from such a dramatically flawed process. I urge you to abandon the Yucca Mountain Project. DoE has consistently ignored severe flaws which it lacks any ability to remedy, whether faults, permeability of tuff, water infiltration, potential volcanism, failure of the site to contain waste, and poorly designed waste forms and emplacement. It is appalling that our government ignored repeated warnings about lack of airline and airport and airplane security. What confidence can we have in a Department of Energy that ignores the fatal flaws in the Yucca Mountain project?

Sincerely,

Wells Eddleman